

# EDITORIALS

## The Zoning Issue

The re-zoning of any land now designated industrial poses very important considerations for the future of Torrance. Such a critical decision will soon face the city council when the controversial 97 acres south and west of the intersection of Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvds. receives a hearing after referral from the Planning Commission.

The members of the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce already have gone on record as unalterably opposed to the re-zoning of any land now in the M-category. They are opposed because they realize the great worth of industrial land to the city and because they are fearful of setting a pattern that may end up with the city's loss of its now favorable tax base due to the fine industries now located in Torrance. Chairman Bert Lynn of the Planning Commission also has made clear his opposition to the proposed change.

The building of the new Del Amo shopping center at Hawthorne and Sepulveda has created a need for multiple housing in the area and mercantile interests within the community generally favor additional facilities of this category. Several weeks ago the Planning Commission did re-zone a considerable piece immediately adjacent to the new center on the east. Some authorities and interests believe this facility at least temporarily fills the need and that the city should now sit tight for several years to make certain that it will always be able to provide attractive facilities for other new industries.

There are convincing arguments on both sides of the issue which is one that has and will continue to come up for years to come. Certainly, the threat of increased taxes suggests that Torrance's main goal should be more and more industry. On the other hand, every community's goal is toward balance that will provide facilities for all types of sound growth.

Proponents of keeping the land industrial have a strong ally in the Chamber board. The board is so constituted that it represents a fine cross sectional representation of the best interests in the community and certainly the members always act with that principle in mind.

## A Good Merger

There has been a lot of what we think is undue concern over the merger of the two great newsgathering organizations, United Press and International News Service.

One wonders whether some of the government bureaus and others who have been turning out page after page of alarm over the merger are really that much alarmed. It doesn't seem to have occurred to them that the new organization, United Press International, would, in the best traditions of the American press bend over to see that coverage would be extended, not curtailed. After all the new organization has to compete with Associated Press which is a little bit big itself. By combining resources it is to be expected that the readers will get more than they ever did before.

All mergers are not bad. Often they are logical because they permit smaller organizations that are essentially sound to become of great service through financial solvency, a situation highly to be desired in this day of hectic competition.

## A Vacation Peril

Preparing for vacations takes work. Luggage must be checked, clothes bought, reservations booked, milk and newspaper deliveries stopped, electricity and telephone shut off, house plants, gardens, lawns, and pets provided for.

If you are going abroad you need passports, visas, guide books, and a whole series of vaccinations. This year, there should be a new vaccine on your required list—the Salk vaccine.

But even if you are not leaving the country, vacation time is still a dangerous time for polio infection. One reason lies in the nature of the virus.

There are actually three types of polio virus that cause paralysis. They are known as Type 1, or the Brunhilde type, named after a chimpanzee from whom it was first recovered; Type 2, or the Lansing type, from Lansing, Mich., where it was first identified; and Type 3, or the Leon type, named after a Los Angeles boy who died of it.

In different parts of the country one type may, at any given time, be more prevalent than the others. If, for instance, you are going from California, where the Leon type may be most prevalent, to New York, where the Brunhilde type may be most prevalent, your natural immunity may no longer protect you.

Or, even if you stay home, an influx of vacationers may bring in other virus types heretofore less prevalent in your area.

The virtue of the Salk vaccine is that it protects you against all three types. But unless you have been vaccinated yourself, you cannot be sure of immunity. Play safe and make vaccination a part of your vacation preparations.

## Opinions of Others

We are a people who have a deep respect for the law—yet, many of our domestic and international troubles flow from a disrespect for the law. Juvenile delinquency, the traffic slaughter on the highways, and moral decay leading to problems in various areas of our society stem directly from flouting of the law and falling away of respect for it. West Point (Miss.), Daily Times Leader.

There are probably 200,000 people in the U.S. writing for money, according to a book publisher. The figure is far too low. He probably overlooked a large number of writers, including college students who write for money every week or so.—Runge (Tex.), Karnes County News.

Retailing is a local business unit by any definition. An outlet of the biggest chain system in the country must compete on the local level, and deal with local needs, desires, and conditions.—Blairsville (Pa.), Dispatch.

## The Man Who Came To Stay!



FROM OUR MAILBOX by Our Readers

## A Program for Cats Offered

I have just sent a letter to the Torrance City Council in which I made a suggestion to help solve the problem of excess cats—a matter now under consideration by that group. They are thinking of licensing pet cats, or limiting each family's pets.

May I suggest a method which is humane, and also economically sound?

If there could be one or more veterinarians—either in their own offices, or at the Humane Society on Yukon St., who would perform a neutering operation on cats (and dogs) at a low, nominal fee—not the amount which is now so high that most people cannot afford it—then the animals would be limited in number, they would not be a nuisance to others, and their unwanted offspring would not have to be regrettably taken to the pound for extermination.

It would be more economical, humane, and logical, it seems, to prevent the births of hundreds of animals, than to allow them to be born, and soon parted from the children who love them, often thrown out to starve, or be rounded up by the SPCA, fed there, and eventually disposed of.

If you would be kind enough to publicize the idea in this letter, perhaps other pet owners who have also had to take mother cats and kittens to the pound and who also feel that mine is a sensible suggestion, will write to the Torrance City Council endorsing my idea. It would be most appropriate that such a progressive city as All-American Torrance should enact such a humane measure—it might be a leader in a nationwide movement to preserve our pets while also considering the rights of our neighbors. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Carol H. Harding

## The Cancer Crusade

Editor, Torrance Herald:

I wish to express sincere appreciation for your splendid cooperation during the

American Cancer Society's April crusade. You will be happy to know that the Centinela Valley-South Bay District had a most successful campaign and was the first district in the county "over the top" with 107 per cent of goal.

The Torrance HERALD has always played an important part in bringing news about cancer to the people of the South Bay communities. It has helped a great deal during the American Cancer Society crusade by publicizing the urgent need for funds to carry on the fight against cancer.

Thank you again for your interest and cooperation. MRS. MYRON (Pat) GAZIN, District Publicity Chairman.

## MD Fund Aided

Editor, Torrance Herald:

The Los Angeles County Chapter of Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, Inc., wishes to express its appreciation for being included as a recipient of funds raised by members of the Torrance Education Association through their "unified giving" program.

This fine group of teachers are to be highly commended for their efforts on behalf of worthy charitable causes, and we are deeply grateful for their contribution of \$123.86 to aid muscular dystrophy victims.

The fight to conquer MD, a disease that first cripples then kills its victims, is conducted year-round by the Los Angeles Chapter. It is through the help of such interested groups as the Torrance Education Association that the expansion program of patient services to aid those afflicted is made possible.

It is gratifying to know that groups and organizations throughout L. A. County are becoming more and more aware of the problems of muscular dystrophy, and through this awareness, are contributing to aid in the search for the cause and cure of this dread disease that now afflicts more than 200,

000 persons, 135,000 of whom are children.

RUDOLPH PACHT, President.

## Red Cross Services

Editor, Torrance Herald:

The volunteers and staff of the Torrance Red Cross Branch wish to thank you for the generous amount of space you devoted to reporting the needs of the Red Cross and its services to the community during the past year.

We are certain that your consistent support has had a direct bearing on the splendid outcome of the 1958 Red Cross fund campaign in this community. As you know, Torrance along with the Harbor Region, excelled as participants in the Los Angeles Chapter's over-all fund appeal.

For this, the Torrance branch owes you and your staff a real debt of gratitude. STANLEY E. REMELMEYER, Chairman.

## Pictorial Record

Editor, Torrance Herald:

The Torrance Woman's Club wishes to express its thanks to the management and staff of The Torrance HERALD for the wonderful coverage of the club's activities this 1957-58 club year.

We feel you have been most generous in the space allotted to us and in sending a press photographer to some of our meetings so that we have a pictorial record of some of our affairs.

Again, many thanks. LILLIAN B. DUNHOUSE, Corresponding Secretary.



"There is just as much authority in the family today as there ever was—only now the children exercise it."—Rev. H. C. Phillips.

"A woman who's too tired for words will usually tell you all about it."—Franklin P. Jones.

"Credit as an asset is desirable, but cash as an accessory is more so."—Vincent Jones.

"The average man would rather you criticized his morals than his driving."—Bill Vaughan.

Middle-age: When you're grounded for several days after flying high for one night.

Hard Times—When hitchhikers are willing to go either way.

## The Army Takes Over France

The collapse of the Fourth Republic began with the loss of the war in Indo-China. It became inevitable with the French failure at Suez. It was the withdrawal from Suez which set off a chain-reaction of liberation from the French North African colonies on a big scale and set the stage for the collapse of the government and the recall of General de Gaulle. The full responsibility for the French crisis belongs to spineless French politicians who bartered France's honor with the most flagrant corruption and political immorality in modern European history.

The rebellions in North Africa, where Frenchmen have been dying for years, because of inaction, indifference and political duplicity in Paris, brought the whole sorry mess to a showdown. It should never have happened... and it could have been avoided even as late as May 1st when General Raoul Salan, once commander in Indo-China and present chief of France's crack forces in Algeria, offered a realistic plan for decision in North Africa. The politicians in Paris turned it down, as they have turned down any plan for French democratic stability.

Too many radicals, socialists, communists, leftist crackpots in the French Assembly have been thwarting progress on any sort of democratic constitutional basis, for their unworkable socialist and communist schemes which they falsely sold to the French people, as they have been sold to so many nations since the end of World War II. "Something for nothing"... "government security from the cradle to the grave" philosophy have gained popular appeal among the thoughtless and the loafers all over Europe.

France is the largest and most important nation in recent times whose government was ousted by the military. It followed a general pattern since the end of

World War II. It first happened in the Communist-Satellite world, only it was the Soviet Army which furnished the military power. But it also happened in Iran, Egypt, Guatemala, Argentina, Venezuela, Brazil, Thailand, Syria, where the armed forces, expressing the will of the majority of the people, removed undesirable and unpopular political regimes. In spite of the voluble Socialist and Communist parties in France, the great majority of the French people preferred even a military dictatorship to a total collapse of French honor and prestige in the world.

General Raoul Salan and General Jacques Massu were simply the military instruments which gave expression to the popular French will... and rallied behind General Charles de Gaulle, the most popular and respected Frenchman on the scene today. When General Massu dispatched a courier from Algiers to Paris with the cryptic message to President Coty and General de Gaulle: "We inform you that we have established a Committee of Public Safety to maintain order and avoid further bloodshed... and this Committee awaits with vigilance the formation of a Government of Public Safety, as the only means of keeping Algeria an integral part of France..." the fall of the Fourth Republic became inevitable. For the next step would have been for the crack 500,000 French Algerian Army to divert sufficient forces to Paris to take over the government by force and install General de Gaulle by force.

It is unlikely that General de Gaulle would have agreed to such a step to bring him to power. He has always believed in constitutional authority. General de Gaulle is the most popular rallying symbol for what ails France. He is an extraordinary patriot, who on several occasions could have taken over

the government by the sheer power of his popularity. Each time he refused. Each time he withdrew gallantly to his home in the quiet village of Colombey-les-Deux-Englises, some 155 miles southeast of Paris.

At 67 de Gaulle is carrying both the heartbreak of defeat and the nostalgic thrill of final victory. As Undersecretary of War under the Reynaud government in 1940, he refused to accept Marshall Petain's surrender to the Nazi and went to London to regroup a great French Army which was the first to enter Germany in the final stages of the war. His memorable broadcast from London: "France only lost a battle... not a war" was considered along with Churchill's "blood, sweat and tears" as the rallying symbol of free men against dictatorship.

As the honored leader of Free France, he upheld the honor of France. When he returned to France after victory, he had 48 million Frenchmen at his feet. He could have remodeled France with his personal mold of clay. But he didn't. Not once did he violate French legality and constitutional procedure. De Gaulle told us one day in his office in Paris' Rue Solferino: "The Army is my life... but constitutional government by civilian authority is my soul." When the politicians defied him in 1946, he resigned rather than become a dictator and maintain power by force. By 1947, when things got worse, he founded the "Rally of the French People." He failed to gain popular support and again retired to Colombey. "It is the will of the people," he said in retreating, and it is the only will I understand. "The will of the people which General de Gaulle understands so well at long last has begun to understand the will of General de Gaulle... to once again bring honor to France in peace, as he did in war.

## THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

## PTA Ladies Salute the Dads

All year long, the ladies have had the upper hand in the world of PTAs, but last week it was dad's turn.

Officers of the city's Parent-Teacher groups met around the dinner table at Jack Roger's Jump 'n Jack in Waleria to pay honor to the guy who stayed home with the kids while mom went off to the PTA wars. It was "Pop's Award Night."

Sports of the Year honors started off the long list of awards with Barton Peters receiving an honest-to-goodness can opener for his efforts; Gordon Stevens getting an apron; Kenneth Edmund a baby bottle, and Dave Sokoloff a mop.

Edmund repeated a few minutes later with a large (very large) blue lapel button declaring him to be the Pop's production chief. It was explained in the script that he earned the title by sched-

uling things so Mrs. Edmund had the couple's sixth child without missing a PTA meeting.

(We think they overlooked a bet—she should have got a medal or something.)

J. J. Lawler was the easy winner in the "Best Dressed, Undressed Husband" class and for his troubles, won back one of his shirts, which had been washed, ironed, and the buttons sewn on.

Bert Sanders, who was accused of planning events in such a way that his wife would have to give up PTA activities, was presented an oversized bill for charges attendant to maternity care.

D. D. Tuggie, whose wife, Margaret, was president of the PTA Council during the past year, was voted one of the best "Telephone Terminators," and received his own tion while Stevens, whose

small toy telephone as proof of his abilities. Bert Peters was declared a winner also in this category, and got the mate to Tug's phone.

Kenneth McVey, whose wife, Naomi, will be Council president this year, received a can of caviar (at least a big penciled label said it was caviar) as a prize for being chosen the best "Domestic Engineer." Kenneth Judd was a close second in this judging, officials admitted.

But Judd had his inning a few seconds later when he and Gordon Stevens won the Carnival Worker judging hands down. Judd won a set of jall keys for his contribution seems to be centered around getting all the little boys zipped properly during the afternoon, was given a king-size zipper.

Albert Hawkins won a bottle of Coke, a prize for running the cold drink concession at his school's carnival. Despite protests that all husbands were "Favorite Husbands," Paul Crossman walked off with the top prize of the evening, a suit of armor.

And, at a PTA meeting, that could be handy.

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POP'S (KNIGHT)... Paul Crossman was dubbed "Pop of the Year" during the PTA Pop's Award Night program last week at the Jump 'n Jack. Here Mrs. David Sokoloff of South High PTA does the honors, complete with the armor for the Knight in Shining... etc. (Herald Photo)